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In the application of:

Hirokazu SUGIHARA et al.

Serial No.: 08/913,811

Filing Date: September 24, 1997

For: METHOD FOR MEASURING
PHYSIOCOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES
OF TISSUES OR CELLS, METHOD
FOR EXAMINING CHEMICALS, AND
APPARATUS THEREFOR

Examiner: P. Baskar

Group Art Unit: 1645

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 (Paper No. 31) for which a Response is due August 21, 2002. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants and their attorney attended a personal interview with the Examiner on February 22, 2001, and at that time, reached a substantive agreement on many of the points raised in this Office Action. The reason for revisiting these matters is unclear, since the substance of the invention was recognized then by the Examiner as being patentable. We are striving by this Amendment to reestablish with the Examiner the patentability of the claimed invention, but do not appreciate the need to do so.